Declaration

I, Xi Yongzhi, hereby declare as follows:

I am the inventor and applicant of the US Patent Application Serial No. 10/534,538.

I submitted the cDNA sequence encoding Chicken Type II Collagen to Genbank on February 8, 2006. The date is latter than the date of filing of the present application.

I did not submit the same sequence to Genbank on July 19, 2001. The earliest date as shown in Genbank is not correct.

I declare that the above statements are true to the best of my knowledge.

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